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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Matthew D. LINNIK and Patricia A.  
McNEELEY

Serial No.: 09/724,822

Filing Date: November 28, 2000

For: METHOD OF TREATING LUPUS  
BASED ON ANTIBODY AFFINITY  
AND SCREENING METHODS AND  
COMPOSITIONS FOR USE THEREOF

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2002 in connection for which a response was due on March 3, 2003. Submitted herewith are a petition and fee for a two month extension of time, making the response due on May 3, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this case in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

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